

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
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| v. |) | No.07-00115-04-CR-W-NKL |
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| RAYMOND SPARKS, |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY**

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 11, Local Rule 72(j)(26), and 28 U.S.C. § 636, and has entered a plea of guilty to Counts 1 and 9 of the Superseding Indictment. The defendant agrees to the forfeiture of property as set forth in the Plea Agreement. After cautioning and examining the Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Fed.R.Crim.P. 11, I determined that the guilty pleas are knowledgeable and voluntary and that the offenses charged are supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of such offenses. A record was made of the proceedings and a transcript is available. I therefore recommend that the pleas of guilty be accepted and that the Defendant be adjudged guilty and have sentence imposed accordingly.

Failure to file written objections to this Report and Recommendation within ten (10) days from the date of its service shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking such Report and Recommendation before the assigned United States District Judge. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B).

s/ SARAH W. HAYS
SARAH W. HAYS
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: March 12, 2008